

Mr. President: You want to give a lesser pay, that is the reason.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that these P3 teachers have generally to wait for 20 or 25 years for getting one promotion?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): That is not so. The moment they complete 15 years they are automatically given P3 special grade which takes them to Rs. 20.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): After how many years?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): After 15 years.

TEAK AND ROSEWOOD SOLD AND EXTRACTED IN 1110 TO 1116

250. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total quantity of teak and rosewood sold from the Forest Department for the years 1110 to 1116—each year to be shown separately;

(b) the total timber under the same category extracted from the Reserve Forests;

(c) the sale proceeds of the same in each year?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*):

(a), (b) & (c) Three statements showing the required particulars for the years 1110 to 1115, both inclusive, are placed on the Council Table.

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

(1) On the demise of Mr. Parakkal Krishna Menon
and (2) on the demise of Mr. U. Kandir Menon

***Dr. A. R. Menon** (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is again my melancholy task to move condolence motions at this sitting of the Council. It has been my misfortune to move such motions in almost all the Sessions of this Council. Today the news reached us that Mr. Parakkal Krishna Menon who was for sometime a member of this House passed away two days ago. I place this condolence motion before the House: "*The House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sudden and sad demise of Mr. Parakkal Krishna Menon, who was for sometime a member of this House.*"

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

The House may permit me to make a few observations in commending this motion for its acceptance. Mr. Parakkal Krishna Menon belonged to an ancient aristocratic family in the State and he himself was an aristocrat. A person of pre-possessing personality, fine manners and speaking capacity he was. He was a member of the bar at Ernakulam and he gradually rose to a place of prominence at the bar. He was mainly responsible if not for creating, at least for putting the Municipal affairs of Ernakulam on sound basis, and the invariable improvements that you see today can be traced to his administration of this town which lasted for a period of nearly 10 years. It was during his time that the question of water-supply, a most important question, the important problem, so far as this town is concerned, was solved and it was mainly due to his exertion and his great sense of loyalty to the Ruling House that the statue of the Abdicated Maharaja was installed in a prominent place in this town.

Mr. Krishna Menon had winning manners which attracted every one to him, and I have had the good fortune to keep friendly relations with him for a long period, and during this time I was able to understand and appreciate the genuineness and simplicity of his character. I am sure this House will agree with me that we have lost a prominent citizen of the State and a member who distinguished himself during the three years of his membership in this House. I beg to place the motion before the House for its acceptance.

Mr. President : You may move the other motion also.

***Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development):** *"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sudden and sad demise of Mr. U. Kandir Menon, an hon'ble member of this House for a very long time."*

Sir, to add to the misfortune, we just now received a message that Mr. U. Kandir Menon who is well-known to all of us here has also passed away at 8 o' clock this morning. We knew that Mr. Kandir Menon was suffering from chest trouble, but it was reported that he was out of danger, and when the news came here with startling suddenness, it was not at all anticipated. Mr. Kandir Menon belonged to a very poor family, and he began his career with all the difficulties and limitations of a poor man. By dint of industry, by his own exertions, by his own persistence, he was able to carve out a career for himself, and by gradual stages he became the undisputed leader of the bar at Trichur for a number of years. Mr. Kandir Menon, though a short-tempered man, was a very genuine man, and because of his genuine nature has succeeded in attracting a large number of friends and admirers. Mr. Kandir Menon, after

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a successful career at the bar, entered Government service as Sirkar Vakil at Trichur. By gradual stages he became the District Magistrate, the Sessions Judge, the Devaswam Commissioner, the Secretary to the Diwan, and crowned his career by becoming the Diwan Peishkar of the State. During all this time, he was able to give entire satisfaction both to the Government and to the people. Even after his retirement, mainly through my advice, he took up an active life, and he was actively working in various spheres of utility and usefulness to our people. He became the managing director of the Nayar Bank, and by his exertions, honesty and straightforwardness, was able to build up the bank to its present position of power and stability. When the war broke out, and when the Government decided that a chance should be given to the people of Cochin State to contribute their mite towards the war fund, the Diwan thought that the best man to whom this difficult work could be entrusted was Mr. Kandir Menon, and Mr. Kandir Menon was invited. Without a moment's hesitation he undertook the work, and as the House knows, during a period of three or four months—I know personally, that he was incessant in his labours to fulfil his promise to do his very best for the collection of these funds—he succeeded in collecting a tolerably decent sum. After his retirement, he also engaged himself in various arbitration questions and the people had so much confidence in his integrity, fairmindedness and scrupulousness that they had no hesitation in placing their difficulties before him, so much so, he was responsible as arbitrator to settle various questions, and incidentally to saving a large number of families. Thus you will see that he has spent a useful life, and in the vigour of his life, unfortunately, he was snatched away. So far as I could see Mr. Kandir Menon was never ill for the last ten years, and I do not see any reason why he could not have lived for another 10 or 15 years doing active work. But Providence meant otherwise, and he was snatched away. I am sure that this motion will be unanimously passed by this House.

*മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : സർ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രിയുടെ സർവ്വ ആശയങ്ങളോടും ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നു. മിസ്റ്റർ കൃഷ്ണമേനോനും ഞങ്ങളുമായി ഈ നിയമസഭയിലിരുന്നു അനവധികാലം വേലചെയ്തസംഗതി എനിക്കു ഇന്നും ഇന്നലെയും കഴിഞ്ഞതുപോലെയാണ് തോന്നുന്നത്. ആദ്യമായി ഞാൻ ഈ നിയമസഭയിൽ കടന്നു വന്നപ്പോൾ എനിക്കു ഇവിടെ ഇന്നവിധമെല്ലാം പ്രവൃത്തിക്കണമെന്നു വശികാണിച്ചു തന്നിരുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹമായിരുന്നുവെന്നു ഇവിടെ തുറന്നുപറയാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ അടുത്തു എത്രവസരത്തിലുംപോയി എത്രസംശയവും ചോദിക്കാവുന്നതും അതു അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്നു വളരെ സന്തോഷവുമായിരുന്നു. അന്നു പുതുതായി വന്നിട്ടുള്ള

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ചെറുപ്പക്കാരായ ഞങ്ങളെ ഇവിടെ നേർവഴിക്കു നടത്തിയത് അദ്ദേഹമായിരുന്നു എന്നു പറയാതെ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി പ്രസിഡണ്ടിന്റെ നിലയിൽ ഈ സഭയിലെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷസ്ഥാനത്തിരിക്കുവാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെങ്കിലും പാനൽ ചെയർമാൻ എന്ന നിലയിൽ പല ദിവസവും അദ്ദേഹം ഇവിടത്തെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷസ്ഥാനവും അലങ്കരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഏതു സ്ഥാനത്തിരുന്നാലും അതിനെ ഭംഗിയായി നടത്തിട്ടുള്ള ഒരാളാണ് അദ്ദേഹം. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ നിര്യാണം ഇപ്പോൾ മാത്രമാണ് ഞാൻ അറിഞ്ഞത്. അതിൽ എനിക്ക് അതിയായ വ്യസനമുണ്ട്. അദ്ദേഹം എന്റെ നിയോജകമണ്ഡലത്തിലാണ് ജനിച്ചത്. അവസാനഘട്ടത്തിൽ യാതൊരു ഉപദ്രവവും കൂടാതെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സ്വഗൃഹത്തിൽ കിടന്നു മരിച്ചതിൽ കൂടുതൽ സന്തോഷത്തിനുവകയുണ്ട്. മരണം എല്ലാവർക്കും എപ്പോഴും വരാവുന്ന ഒരു സംഭവമാണ്. അതു അവസാനത്തിൽ വേണ്ടപോലെ ആകുന്നതിലാണ് കാരുണ്യമിരിക്കുന്നത്. ഒരുത്തൻ മരിച്ചാൽ അത് വളരെ നല്ലതും ചീത്തയുമാണെന്നു സാധാരണ പറയും. മിസ്റ്റർ കൃഷ്ണമേനോന്റെ ജീവിതം വളരെ സുഖമായിട്ടു കഴിഞ്ഞു എന്നാണ് അറിയുവാൻ ഇടയായത്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കണ്ടർമേനോന്റെ കാരുണ്യപ്പറ്റി പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ വാർഫണ്ടിന്റെ കാരുണ്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പഴയന്തരിൽ ഞാൻ ഒരുമിച്ചു കാഠിന്യപോയി പല സ്ഥലത്തും നടന്നു പണം പിരിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. ഏകദേശം രാത്രി ൮ മണിക്ക് അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു ഒരു ക്ഷീണമുണ്ടായി. വളരുന്നേരം നടന്നു ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടിയതിനാൽ പ്രായാധിക്യംകൊണ്ടു ഇങ്ങിനെ സംഭവിച്ചതാണെങ്കിലും ഞാൻ പരിഭ്രമിച്ചു. ഉടനെ ഡാക്ടറെ കൊണ്ടുവരുമെന്നു ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചു. വേണ്ട എന്നു അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞുവെങ്കിലും ഞാൻ അടുത്തുള്ള ഒരു ഡാക്ടറെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു. കുറച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ തന്നെ ഒരു തരക്കേടുമില്ലെന്നും അധികംനേരം നടന്നു തുകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഒരു ക്ഷീണമായിരുന്നുവെന്നും പിറൈദിവസം അവിടെനിന്നു നാട്ടിലേക്കുപോകുമെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം എന്നോടു പറഞ്ഞു. പെട്ടെന്നു ഇങ്ങിനെവന്ന സംഭവിക്കുമെന്നു ഞങ്ങളാരും വിചാരിച്ചിരുന്നില്ല. അന്നു അധികം ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടി നടന്നതിന്റെ ക്ഷീണമാണോ ഇങ്ങിനെ സംഭവിച്ചതിന്നു സംഗതിയായത് എന്ന് ഞാൻ സംശയിക്കുന്നു.

ഇവിടത്തെ ഒരു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർ എന്ന നിലയിൽ അദ്ദേഹംചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ജോലികളെപ്പറ്റിയൊക്കെ ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു. വാർഫണ്ടിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തി അദ്ദേഹമല്ലാതെ വേറെ ആരു നടത്തിയിരുന്നാലും ഇത്ര ശരിയ്ക്കു നടക്കുകയില്ല. ഇത്രയും പണം പിരിക്കുവാനും സാധ്യമല്ല. ഇന്നു സ്ഥലത്തുപോയാൽ കുറെ പണം കിട്ടുമല്ലോ എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ, “ഞാൻ വരാം. നമുക്കവിടെപോകണം” മെന്നു അദ്ദേഹം പറയും. ഈ കാരുണ്യത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്നു വളരെ ജാഗ്രതയുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. പ്രായാധിക്യത്തെ വകവെക്കാതെ കൂടുതലായി പൊതുക്കാര്യത്തിന്നു വേണ്ടി ശ്രദ്ധിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടായിരിക്കുമോ ഇത്രവേഗം അദ്ദേഹം മരിച്ചത് എന്നുകൂടി സംശയിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പൊതുനവെയുള്ള നിര്യാണത്തിൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള വ്യസനം ഇവിടെ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (Adur): Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the hon'ble mover of these two motions and the great loss suffered by the country by the demise of these two important citizens of our State. I had not the opportunity of being a member of this House along with Mr. Krishna Menon. But in those days I used to attend the proceedings of this House from the gallery as a student of the Maharaja's College. And I still remember

the silvery voice with which Mr. Krishna Menon was addressing this House and the clam and composed manner in which he was facing many of the questions that arose for consideration in this House. I have no doubt that his loss is a great loss and the country has for that reason to feel sorry for his death.

Regarding Mr. Kandir Menon, it is difficult to exhaust his qualities by speech, because his career is so well-known and his services so great. I had only one occasion to come into close contact with him and that was as a member of the Kuri committee. In fact I was under the impression that Mr. Kandir Menon being one interested in banks and bankers, his views will probably be coloured by the foremen's views. I participated in the proceedings under that impression and after some time when evidence was taken I found the method of Mr. Kandir Menon's tackling the witnesses. I must inform this House that I was much impressed with the impartiality with which he was tackling the witnesses and trying to elicit the view-points both of the subscribers and the foremen. I think this impartiality has been one of the great qualities of Mr. Kandir Menon in whichever office he had occasion to serve. I pray that the souls of these two great persons may rest in peace and I offer our condolences to the bereaved families.

***Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur-South*): Sir, on an occasion like this, it is but proper that as the representative of our party, I should associate myself with the several sentiments that have been expressed by the Hon'ble Minister and subsequent speakers. With regard to Mr. Krishna Menon, even though I had not the opportunity of having acquaintance with him, I have known him to be a man of considerable power in Ernakulam. At the time of his chairmanship, much improvement has been effected in Ernakulam.

With regard to Mr. Kandir Menon, I had ample opportunities of knowing him intimately. He was a person of considerable influence in Trichur, and while he was practising as vakil, he was chosen as the Chairman of the Trichur Municipality and during the period of his administration, there is no denying it that the Municipality underwent considerable changes, and to a very large extent the improvements that he effected at that time will bear witness to the fact that he was entering into minute details of administration. With regard to the power of persuasion and commanding words that would come from his lips, the influence that he carried, unless it was known or experienced by anybody, it could not be known. Even rich persons who are very reluctant to pay even one rupee, if Mr. Kandir

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